


wherein,

n is an integer between 3 and 10, and

 X is H, OH, alkyl, aryl, amyl, or an amino acid residue, which may be substituted or a sugar residue, which may be substituted, and

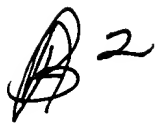
R and R<sup>1</sup> may be the same or different, and are hydrophobic hydrocarbon or fatty acid chains; and

detecting binding of antibodies, if any, in the sample to the composition.

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11. (Amended) A method according to any one of claims 8, or 9, wherein the test method comprises the performance of an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay, radioimmunoassay, or a Western blot.

12. (Amended) A method according to any one of claims 8 or 9, for testing for infection caused by Gram positive cocci.

 13. (Amended) A method according to any one of claims 8 or 9, for testing for infection by a Streptococcus, a Staphylococcus, or an Enterococcus.

14. (Amended) A method according to any one of claims 8 or 9, for diagnosing the presence of a Gram positive infection associated with a central venous catheter, a cerebrospinal fluid shunt or a prosthetic device.

15. (Amended) A method according to any one of claims 8 or 9, wherein the composition comprises a compound of formula (I) in substantially pure form, wherein

n is an integer between 3 and 10, inclusive, and

X is H, OH, alkyl, aryl, amyl, or an amino acid residue, which may be substituted, or a sugar residue, which may be substituted, and

R and R<sup>1</sup> may be the same or different, and are hydrophobic hydrocarbon or fatty acid chains.

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*See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above claim(s).*

Please add the following new claim(s):

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--35. (New) A method according to claim 15, wherein the composition is in the form of a freeze-dried solid, an aqueous solution, or is immobilized on a solid support.

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36. (New) A method according to claim 8 for testing for a Gram positive bacterial infection in a human.--

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